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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2004 in the above-captioned case. A restriction/election of invention is required by the Examiner.

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 2-8, 30, 31-47 and 112-113, drawn to non-human transgenic animals comprising a human TCR loci and methods of making said animals, classified in classes 800, subclasses 13 and 21. The elected species is the transgenic mouse as exemplified by Example 6B. Applicants elect claims 2-8, 30, 31-47 and 112-113, without traverse.

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The present election is made solely to comply with the Office Action and should not be construed as a surrender of any subject matter in the application. The right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims and species of the invention is reserved.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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